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WHAT'S NEW IN THE ATARI FORUMS (January 24)

"HIDDEN" TREASURES IN ATARI PRODUCTIVITY FORUM (GO ATARIPRO)

DO YOU HAVE THIS FILE? PHONE SPELL - A program that generates words and phrases which spell out any given phone number on a standard dial or keypad. Useful for remembering important phone numbers or for helping others to remember yours. Also just fun to see what phrases your favorite phone numbers generate.

File: FONSPE.ARC in Library 5 ("Applications").

DO YOU HAVE THIS FILE? ASTROCAL - generates a calendar for any given year which shows times for moonrise, moonset, sunrise, sunset, moon phases, solar and lunar eclipses, solstices, and equinoxes. Also generates planet viewing reports showing dates, right ascension and declination, phase, elongation, Easter dates, and much more.

File: ASTROC.ARC in Library 5 ("Applications").

\*\*\* ATARI OVERSEAS \*\*\*

The Sysops have opened up a new message section (15) of the Atari Arts Forum (GO ATARIARTS) entitled ATARI "OVERSEAS" especially for our new members from the UK, Europe and Australia.

MESSAGE SECTION CHANGES IN ATARIPRO

We've made a slight modification to the names of our message sections in the Atari Productivity Forum (GO ATARIPRO). Sections 4 and 5 (Personal Applications and Business Applications) have been combined into a single section named APPLICATIONS and a new section has been setup under the subject NETWORKING ATARIS. Both sections are available to the entire membership, but adjust your individual section settings accordingly.

NEW FROM GRIBNIF SOFTWARE

The following files are now available in LIBRARY 8 ("Gribnif Software") of

the Atari Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN):

XBOOT.LZH - Gribnif's Press Release for X-Boot - Boot Mgr  
STDEMO.LZH - A Demo for STalker the hottest graphical telcom  
CRAZY.TXT - Gribnif Software announces CRAZY DOTS!  
CFDEMO.LZH - Gribnif Software's CardFile 3 Test Run Demo  
302\_03.LZH - CardFile 3.02 patch to version 3.03  
301\_03.LZH - CardFile 3.01 patch to ver. 3.03  
300\_03.LZH - CardFile 3.00 patch to version 3.03

NEW FROM ICD!

ICD has just uploaded the LATEST VERSIONS of their host adapter utilities.  
See the file ICDHST.ARC in Library 7 ("ICD, Inc.") of the Atari Vendors  
Forum (GO ATARIVEN). ICD Booter Version 5.5.0

NEW FROM MAXWELL CPU!

For MIDI Enthusiasts, Maxwell CPU has released a freeware MIDI controlled  
slide show program. DEGAS image colors are controlled by the tempo,  
dynamics, chords and notes input through the MIDI port. GO ATARIVEN and  
download file DANCE.LZH from LIBRARY 6 ("Maxwell CPU").

NEW SUPRA MODEMS ANNOUNCED!

Please read file SUPRA.V32 in LIBRARY 15 ("Supra Corp.") of the Atari  
Vendors Forum (GO ATARIVEN) for information on Supra's new 9600 and 14400  
baud fax-modems.

TEASER!

Just a little teaser ... We've already received commitments from Atari  
Corp. and other vendors who have donated prizes to be given away during  
the 24-hour Port-A-thon to be held on Feb 21-22. So far over 54 hardware  
and software prizes have been donated. A list of prizes and vendors will  
be published shortly.

THE ATARI PORTFOLIO FORUM ON COMPUSERVE  
HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AN  
OFFICIAL SUPPORT SITE BY ATARI CORPORATION

"GO APORTFOLIO TO ACCESS THE ATARI PORTFOLIO FORUM"

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> CPU STATUS REPORT                      LATE BREAKING INDUSTRY-WIDE NEWS  
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Issue #04

Compiled by: Lloyd E. Pulley, Sr.

-- Computer Sales Revenues Dip; 1st Time Since 1983

Buying a new computer isn't as popular as it used to be. Sales dropped last year for the first time since 1983, according to a study released by the market research firm Dataquest. Price wars and the recession were blamed for the 7.8% drop in sales revenues.

#### -- IBM Aims at Education Market with new PS/2 Model

IBM has unveiled a PS/2 Model 25 SX personal computer designed for use as a teacher and student workstation.

The computer, which will be available in April, features increased processing speed and memory, better graphics presentation and built-in networking capabilities.

Prices range from \$1,249 to \$1,899, depending on configuration.

#### -- NeXT Introduces NeXTstep 486

After three years of struggle, workstation maker NeXT Computer Inc is moving aggressively to link up to the mainstream computer market. The company headed by computer pioneer Steve Jobs unveiled the NeXTstep 486, advanced software that can be used by computers equipped with Intel Corp.'s newest and most powerful microprocessors.

According to reports, the NeXTstep, which is the same system found in NeXT workstations, is object-oriented software that lets users build programs more quickly, block by block, instead of line by line.

"NeXTstep 486 is a customer-driven product. Several of our key customers and many industry pundits strongly urged us to port NeXTstep," Jobs said.

"This move extends the benefits of the industry-standard NeXTstep to the huge installed base of 486 users, and instantly explodes the potential market for NeXTstep applications."

Admitting that one of NeXT's early problems was that not enough software developers were writing programs for what was seen as a limited market compared to PCs, Jobs said the number of third-party applications shipping programs to run on the NeXTstep operating system grew from 63 to 247 in 1991 and is expected to grow more with the Intel porting capability.

The new software will be available in the second quarter of 1992.

Jobs also disclosed that his privately held company's revenues rose in 1991 to \$127 million from about \$30 million in 1990. He would not discuss the firm's earnings.

#### -- MicroSoft Profits Soar

Microsoft Corp. profits rose 55% in the quarter ended Dec. 31 on stronger sales of the Windows operating system for personal computers.

The company reported profit of \$175.2 million, or 90 cents a share, on sales of \$681.9 million in the second quarter of the company's fiscal year. Sales of Windows 3.0 have surpassed 9 million copies since that version went on the market May, 22, 1990.

#### -- Logic Bomb Programmer Fined

Michael John Lauffenburger, a 31-year-old programmer formerly with General Dynamics, pleaded guilty Nov. 4 to attempted computer tampering. He has been fined \$5,000, handed three years' probation and was ordered to perform 200 hours of community service for attempting to sabotage computers with a "logic bomb" that prosecutors say could have erased national security data.

According to reports, Lauffenburger set up the logic bomb, then resigned, intending to get hired on as high-priced consultant to help reconstruct the data lost from the billion-dollar Atlas Missile Space Program when the virus was unleashed. A co-worker accidentally discovered the rogue program in early May. It had been set to go off May 24. Investigators said at the time the bomb would have caused about \$100,000 in damage to computer systems at the Kearny Mesa plant.

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# WELCOME TO THE ST ROUNDTABLE

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The "anticipated" ISD Customer Mailout announcing the release of Calamus SL along with various modules, PKS Write, Speed-Line Auto-Tracing, Vector Graphics Editing etc.. is now available for downloading, file # 22360. Please direct any questions or comments to the ISD Category #16.

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## SUPRA CORPORATION REALTIME CONFERENCE

GENie's Atari ST Roundtable

Wednesday, February 5, 1992

10:00 p.m. EST

Supra Corporation, a long-time manufacturer of hard drive systems for the Atari ST and Commodore Amiga, has added a new line of low-cost 9600 baud modems and fax/modems to their existing 2400 baud modem line up (see SUPRAV32.ARC (file #22271) in the Atari ST Roundtable Software Library for details).

Supra will be the featured guest for a formal Realtime Conference in the ST Roundtable on February 5th, 1992 beginning at 10:00 p.m. EST. Find out more about these new modems as well as Supra's ST product line and get your questions answered directly from the source!

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> NAMM SHOW STR SHOW NEWS      National Association of Music Merchants  
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GENie's Atari ST RT Online Conference

On January 18, 1992, an online conference from the Atari Booth at the current NAMM Show (National Association of Music Merchants) was scheduled. As can often be expected, problems arose with getting a clean line out of the booth that Atari could use to participate in the conference. As a result, Bob Brodie, Atari's Director of Communications, called in by voice on a phone off the NAMM Show floor. His comments and answers to questions were relayed first by Nathan Potechin (ISD) and later by Sandy Wilson (SANDY.W).

This was in informal conference so it lacked the normal structure of one of our formal conferences. As a result, the exchanges between those present in the RTC and Bob are a bit chaotic to read because things jump around quite a bit. But the read is worth the effort! <smile>

Comments made in the RTC that were not relevant to Atari at NAMM have been edited out of this transcript.

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January 18, 1992

<DARLAH>

Bob is on the phone, having problems getting online.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Hmmm...Anybody know the booth phone number at NAMM?

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Hmmm. Line noise?

\*\* <ISD> is here.

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Hey Nate!

\*\* <[BOB on Phone] ISD> was <ISD>.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Hi, Nathan. Hi Bob on Phone.

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Hi Bob on Phone! <G>

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Hi ALL. Its Nathan with Bob on my phone. He couldn't get a clean line out of his hotel.

Hi Everyone!

Bob says hi to all too.

<[(Lee)] OFFY>

'lo Bob.

<BYRONJOHNSON>

hi bob, the wind chill factor is below zero today in michigan

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

So, what's happening at this whacky NAMM thing?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Bob says its too darn hot in their booth

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Aw.

<BYRONJOHNSON>

send me some of that heat, i need it.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Nathan says its -27 so lack of sympathy is to be expected

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Poor baby ;-)

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Signing up NEW Dealers. Including LARGE Piano and Organ chain in California

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Great!

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

That oughtta please Lloyd.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

:-)

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

They held a Developer Conference today for all the Music Devs which went extraordib'narily well.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Which companies were represented there, Bob, at the Dev Con?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Last developer conference that I (BOB) attended was a few years back. This one went much much smoother, probably because we fed ISD> them :-)

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

extraordib'narily? Sounds like Bob's been hitting the bottle<G>

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

One of the more exciting developments is that we have Computer Chronicles filming the Atari music booth and interviewing us about our place in the market.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

All right! When will it air!?

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

cool!

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Airing Nationally the week of February 25, 1992. I recall that I (Nathan) along with a few others appeared on Computer Chronicles once upon a time. It was scary. I'd never done TV. :-)

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>



Hey, this is great!

Our group has that one videotaped. You were really cute on camera, Nathan.

<SANDY.W>

I think I still have a tape of that, Nathan <evil grin>

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

This particular show will come MIDI Music including coverage of the entire NAMM show, coverage of those other platforms too so it will not be exclusively Atari but we should do real well by them.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Dorothy :-)

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Are the other platforms present in equivalent force.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Two Press Conferences have been held so far, both of which have been standing room only events.

(wild applause from Nathan)

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

;-)

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

One of the things that has caused the greatest stir here is the alliance between Fostex, Atari. Dr. T's, Steinberg and C-Lab to bring state of the art midi control to multiple track tape systems.

Any questions please?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

I already asked questions.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

What were they Dorothy? :-)

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

In general, how has the response been to Atari, as opposed to other systems?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Which devs came to the dev conference?

Did devs who normally write for other platforms come?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Ted, the only other system exhibiting at the show is IBM. Neither Apple nor Amiga deigned to participate.

The Developers that attended the conference were most everyone in the music midi field as they are all long-time Atari supporters regardless. Hybrid Arts, Amadeus, Codehead, C-Lab, Steinberg Dr.T's, etc..

;-)

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

Is Atari making any new converts?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Ted, ABSOLUTELY, reflected and proven by the fact of NEW DEALER SIGNUPS at the show WITH opening order in hand!!!!!!

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

Great!

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

We will be making the IAAD aware of the identity of the new Dealers so that we can broaden their horizons. :-)

As Nevin, the IAAD President is in attendance, he's right on top of things.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

For those that have just joined in, I have BOB with me on the phone as his telephone line acted up on him.

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

Outstanding! Will they primarily be MIDI/music stores, or computer dealers?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

This is the NAMM show. The primary thrust is certainly midi.

Make that Midi. :-)

<G.FINSRUD>

hey what's happening?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Hi G.Finsrud

<SANDY.W>

Bob is giving us information from the NAMM show, but had technical difficulties with his phone so we are relaying the information.

<G.FINSRUD>

thanks

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

What is the response like to the notebook?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

I am on Hold for a second.

:-)

<A.DIPIETRO>

any news that I missed?

<P.THOMAS6>

Is there any answer to the "when" question about the ST Book?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

You missed all the news, Anthony.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Like?

<SANDY.W>

Atari is having a good show at NAMM

<A.DIPIETRO>

And....

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

New Dealers, A new Chain of Dealers

<SANDY.W>

MIDI developers and dealers are quite receptive

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Like they are going to be on Computer Chronicles the week of Feb 25!

Major conference with MIDI devs, major press coverage.

<A.DIPIETRO>

You're kidding! What's the new chain of dealers?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

It's in California.

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

Midi Chain

<[Dan @ Atari] D.MCNAMEE>

Chain of music/MIDI dealers in CA.

<A.DIPIETRO>

California! Is that anywhere near the US?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

I think it's a little farther away from the US each year.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Any news for the continental US market? :)

<P.THOMAS6>

Did they annouce when the ST Book will be available?

<[BOB on Phone] ISD>

I've lost Bob (sigh) He's been having really bad trouble with his line but he's about to call Sandy's. :-)

\*\* <[Nathan] ISD> was <[BOB on Phone] ISD>.

<SANDY.W>

I've got Bob now.

\*\* <[Bob on phone] SANDY.W> was <SANDY.W>.

<[Nathan] ISD>

Sandy now has Bob and I have to go do a birthday party for my daughter. Bye all

<A.DIPIETRO>

What will Computer Chronicles cover? Also, any print coverage?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

The ST Book will ship in quantity in March.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Bye Nathan!

\*\* <[Nathan] ISD> has left.

<A.DIPIETRO>

What quantity? 3?

<P.THOMAS6>

Thanx!

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

The CC thing will cover the whole NAMM show, not just us.

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

The commitment is for a 4 meg machine only. Figure price is to be in the area of \$2300.

<A.DIPIETRO>

So we'll see as much as ABC Business World! Great!

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

But there's not too much competition there, as Apple and Amiga didn't show up.

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Machines of 1 meg configuration will be made available to developers sometime next month.

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

Dot what have I missed?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

A transcript will be posted later.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Neat stuff, mostly, John.

<A.DIPIETRO>

is the 1.44 drive in yet? and why not! :)

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

Say 'Hi' to Bob for me :-)

<P.THOMAS6>

Good luck and much fun at NAMM!! ...Later

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

A promotion for new dealers at the show only is called "Do the Loop".

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

What loop?

Must be one of those MIDI-ese things.

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

When they place an order at the show, they then visit each station at the Atari booth, carrying a card that we provide them listing the stations. Once they complete the stations, they are eligible for a drawing for a TT system.

<A.DIPIETRO>

How are MIDI users responding? Any pick-up in Atari sales/outlook?

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Cute, make 'em work for it. Oughtta use that idea at regular shows. ;-)

<A.DIPIETRO>

Good idea! I hope they're responding favorably!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

New dealers are signing up including one of the largest piano/organ dealers in California

<A.DIPIETRO>

One of the largest???

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Yes, one of the largest.

<A.DIPIETRO>

What about New York City? Have they heard of the East Coast out west?

<A.DIPIETRO>

You remember us???? Without us the WEST would be owned by somebody else!

: -)

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

There are already too very large music dealers in NY. Sam Ash and Manny's. Along with another "little" outfit called J & R Music World.

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Are they in attendance?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

They are in attendance.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Seriously, though, any idea on Atari's direction (MIDI or otherwise) for Europe when they go as one?

Hey J&R doesn't have Amiga in this catalog but they still have atari and now Apple...yuck!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

There are some European developers in attendance, there will be an equivalent show in Europe later this year.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Has the show mood been positive? Are they "turning the tide" in regards to dealers/devs in the MIDI market?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Anthony must have come in late <grin>

<A.DIPIETRO>

yes ma'am

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

He missed the announcement about the standing room only press conferences and signing up of new dealers.

<A.DIPIETRO>

SRO!!!! :-)

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Yep. Twice!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

And the Computer Chronicles TV show is taping at the booth. It has a weekly audience of 700,000 people. Shown on PBS nationwide.

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

Has most of the interest been for ST's, ST book, TT, or software?

<A.DIPIETRO>

Will Atari be able to supply these dealers? Are they sure? And will this effect other dealers?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

They are filming the crowds in the Atari booth as we speak.

<[Zubbie] SPECTER>

Wave!

<A.DIPIETRO>

Like right now?

<waving>

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

You know, it's like early afternoon there.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Can I say something to my Mom on TV?

hi MOM!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Ted - It has been a combination of both. Atari has an excellent name in the music market place.

There is substantial interest in the hardware.

<A.DIPIETRO>

What's the name? Tell us!! Tell us!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

There seems to be particular interest in Mega STe's.

We are excited that Hybrid Arts has returned to the market with such zeal, under new leadership.

Cubase has been upgraded to work on a TT.

All of Dr. T's products work on a TT.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Yea!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

C Lab has comitted to upgrade their products to work on the TT by the end of the year.

(Upgrades! Upgrades! Upgrades! <grin>)

<A.DIPIETRO>

Great news!

<A.DIPIETRO>

I hope Atari will be able to supply the market much more smoothly now.

Things sound exciting! Any news about what will be shown at CeBit?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Anthony - Let us get through one show before we worry about the next. <grin>

You can count on new product announcements being made at CeBit.

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

Is that new Mono monitor there?

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

John - Yes it is, and it is being very well received by the dealers.

<A.DIPIETRO>

Sounds good! Well, have an exciting afternoon...whoa! Really? That's great! Now about that TT trade-in program..... :-) bye all

<[Baaad Dot] D.A.BRUMLEVE>

Well, best of luck at the rest of NAMM, Bob! Hope to have a full report next Wednesday night!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Any other questions?

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

yea,

<[Ted] J.PATTERSON3>

Bob and Sandy, thanks for all the news. I'll pass it along to some of the locals. TTFN

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

If there are no further questions, thanks to everyone for coming.

There will be copies of all the NAMM press release in this week's Z\*Net.

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

Is Atari going to make a deal with a speaker CO. to provide a cupon or something so Atari people can get a decent (how about BOSE) speakers system for our computers? (This is a hint BTW)

Seems like NAMM should be a good place to set that deal up!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

We have a working relationship with Fostex. They make high quality multiple track tape recorders.

I like your idea and will look into it.

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

Great! Tell bob to have FUN!!!! And I'll call him during the Week!

<[Bob on phone] SANDY.W>

Great. I will be back in the office on Tuesday.

<[John Cole] J.COLE18>

talk to you then. have fun!

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> THE FLIP SIDE STR Feature            "...from a different viewpoint"  
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A LITTLE OF THIS, A LITTLE OF THAT  
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by Michael Lee

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From RMORROW on Delphi....

STalker 3.01 is now out. I've been beta testing it for the past two months, now I can breathe!

Some of the changes:

The ability to write scripts is now there.

The write\_script() command in BackTALK now can truly write a logon script for you. It's neat.

ZModem transfers got a slight speed increase due to a rewriting of the code there. Basically, in 3.00 there were 3 BIOS calls for each character sent or received, now only 2 BIOS calls are necessary. With an 8MHz system running at 19,200 the difference is unreal.

[Undo] stops file transfers, in fact it is the preferred way at high speeds since STalker may not 'see' the mouse pointer clicking on Abort



Transfer.

STalker used to bomb if no VDI stations were present at bootup; now it exits nicely.

"Send Text to Printer" now works.

The TT's Serial 2 port actually supports DTR, so 3.01 can too.

While doing file transfer, the [Insert] key removes/restores the file transfer window.

The BackTALK compiler (v1.01 now) has been enhanced to provide tighter code and to handle new commands.

The new Atari-standard Clipboard format is now supported, and it is backwards compatible with the old system. Use the new system only if you use the CPX, IMHO. (CPX= Extensible control Panel)

Various redraw/appearance problems were fixed.

New versions of Auxinit and Buf\_siz.btk are used, they handle TT and MSTe ports in addition to the ST's serial port. (Separate copy required for each port hose buffer you wish to expand)

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From Dan McNamee (Atari) - Cat. 14, Topic 10, Msg. 37 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

....As to the hard drive problem, never, ever, for any reason turn off the hard drive while the computer is on and continue to use the computer, let alone turn it back on expecting everything to be OK. This can cause many problems, such as trashing your hard drive. You never have to turn off you hard drive to give it a rest, hard drives are more than happy to be left on all the time. Mine at work have been on for as long as I have had them (minus moving time when my office location has changed). As a matter of fact, you can do more damage to your drive turning it on and off several times a day.

Disk platters have quite a bit of mass, and it takes a lot of effort of the motor's part to get that mass up to speed, which causes a lot of wear and tear on the motor.

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From JBEU on Delphi...

UNSOLICITED PLUG: For you hard drive owners who find that you \*often\* reach the end of your storage and have to start moving things off of the HD you would prefer to keep...you have GOT to get DATA DIET.

DATA DIET from Double click has given each of my 44meg SYQUEST cartridges the approximate storage ability of 65megs. With the two SYQUESTS online I am now up to 120-130 megs of virtual storage space on 88megs of actual HD drive. I've used it for a couple of months now active non-stop in my system and it works without a hitch (NOTE: this is mainly due to the fact that I READ THE MANUAL and FOLLOWED THE INSTRUCTIONS and UNDERSTAND the PROGRAM...hint-hint).

For those who would like to know and don't, DATA DIET is an AUTO folder program/ACCESSORY combination that works in the background. Whenever I write to the hard drive DD intercepts the data and very, very quickly compresses the data (like an arc or an lzh file is compressed) before it actually written to the drive. Whenever the computer attempts to read \*dietized\* data file DD intercepts the data and(wow-fast) uncompresses it for the computer. It only dietizes data files. Program files (PRG, ACC,TTP, and TOS) are excluded from the process and can be permanently dietized themselves with DC SQUISH.

Even though the dietization of data files is wow-fast, when I'm working on a large program with large files like CALAMUS, even that slowdown in speed is actually noticable, especially since saving often is a must. Well, DATA DIET deals with that nicely as well. I have configured DD to only do the dietization of files when I exit a program. When I am in CALAMUS and working away saves occur at normal speed, and when I exit I can actually see the computer stop for about 5-10 seconds and watch as it lists all the files I had accessed in the last session scroll by as they are now dietized. Very nifty.

The real kicker for me was when I discovered that it could do this save later technique even I forgot to exit the program and truned off the computer after my last save instead of exiting the program. The next time I boot the computer, when I see DATA DIET load...\*bingo\* there is the list of files I had been working scrolling by as they are NOW being dietized...really cool.

Obviously I LOVE this program. I was as wary of it as my friends were, but for me the test of time has proven it reliable...plus I have a good backup system with the two SYQUEST drives. I have not been paid in any way to make this long-winded plug..I am just sold on this product. And the HD space savings alone is worth the \$59 asking price. Remember, it can add 20-50% more virtual storage on any hard drive. I had 5 SYQUEST cartridges of 44megs = 220 megs. For \$59 those same cartridges hold about 300-310megs of info...when was the last time you bought 110 megs of hard drive storage for \$59. And every HD you own will experience this savings but you pay the \$59 once...think about it.

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One person reported about a friend having a defective DMA chip in his MegaST and asked Atari on what their repair/replacement policies are. From Dan McNamee (Atari) - Cat. 14, Topic 5, Msg. 124 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

If your friend sends in his Mega 4 to us, he will get in return a Mega 2 STe under the repair/replacement plan. The fee is \$399 plus shipping and handling. For further information, have him contact Carl Bacanni in Customer Relations.

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From Ed Krimen - Cat. 2, Topic 42, Msg. 61 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

I opened up my new DB II package tonight and I must say that I really like the manual. I think the Bloom County characters really add a nice touch, and I \*NEVER\* read the comics in the newspapers. :^) The feel and overall look of the manual is a nice change from the usual Gribnif/Double-Click/CodeHead glossy-smooth cover. I expect it to get even

better when I open that little envelope attached to the inside-back-cover.

Now that I've read the entire manual, I must say it's one of the most clearly- written and easy-to-understand manuals I've read. You can tell that Bob really cares about his product. Kudos!

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From Dan Ward - Cat. 11, Topic 10, Msg. 1 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

Mid-Indiana ST is making plans for MIST Atarifest IV to be held in Indianapolis on July 25, 1992.

This annual event has become the premier "Small Show" of the mid-west. Each year the show has grown in size and stature. Last year over 500 individuals from as far away as Alabama, Kansas, and Pennsylvania made the trek to Indianapolis.

We hope you start making plans now to attend this worthwhile event! We will be providing periodic updates as July 25 nears. If you require more information about last years show, want to offer suggestions for this years show, or just want to say hello then please contact Dan Ward on GENie (D.WARD10).

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From Ron Robinson - Cat. 15, Topic 4, Msg. 3 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

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From Ken Brooks (New Horizon) - Cat. 4, Topic 19, Msg. 27 - from the ST Roundtable on Genie...

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATE \*\*\*\*\*

The TT/32 boards arrived and have been shipped to those who have ordered! Note that we rushed these boards out to you by Purolator and/or Airborne Express overnight and did not stop except to package and address the boards as needed. When you receive the board and are

about to install it to your TT, adhere to the following:

- 1) In a standard 4Mb configuration, your 1x8 or 1x9 SIMM panels are all to be installed in Bank #1 of the board, not in Bank #2 at all!!!
- 2) The SIMM panels are to be installed with the RAM chips towards the front of the TT case. Put the most forward SIMM panels in place first and then the ones immediately behind in succession. Snap them carefully into place. Don't forget to insulate the board from the metal RF shielding as we instructed in our installation letter in the box.
- 3) The boards were not delivered to us with the jumpers set for a standard 4Mb setup. There are 3 sets of 3 pins on the board with jumpers (9 pins in all). The standard 4Mb configuration requires all the sets to be jumpered on pins 2-3, 2-3 and 2-3.

Call us or leave us EMail if you have any difficulty at all.

Keith Brooks & Bruce Klassen  
(K.BROOKS1 and B.KLASSEN)  
New Horizon Computer Systems Ltd.  
Calgary, Alberta

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Until next week.....

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> CALAMUS SL NOW! STR InfoFile      Calamus SL \_Transforms\_ Calamus!!  
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January 17, 1992

ISD Marketing, Inc.  
Toronto Canada

Over the course of the past few months I have been observing one new release or upgrade after another, in the field of desktop publishing on the Atari platform. I was well aware of the fact that Atari-based desktop publishing was coming of age with some notable releases, definitely comparable to the best available on any other computer platform. The old axiom "last but not least" almost applies in this case because Calamus SL is certainly not "least" in comparison to any other desktop publishing software and I suspect it won't be the last either. :-) I've followed the marketing hype surrounding new product and have made a point of staying mostly quiet, knowing that my time was fast approaching. I have not pre-sold nor pre-advertised. What I have done is insure that Calamus SL would be released in North America, Australia and New Zealand exactly at

the correct time. And that time is now!

It brings me great pleasure to announce the release of Calamus SL. For those of you that have waited patiently for so long, please accept my sincere thank you.

Calamus SL \_Transforms\_ Calamus!!

ISD is proud to present Calamus SL. Consider this a new entry into the field of desktop publishing. SL marks the transformation of Calamus from an excellent desktop publishing program to an expansive DTP environment. With its new modular design, Calamus has become the center of a powerful and ever-expanding universe of DTP tools.

As a Calamus owner, you will be able to purchase modules to suit your specific needs. Development continues on many additional modules.

WYNIWYG

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ISD brings "WYNIWYG" to desktop publishing. The modular concept means that you purchase exactly what you need today, with the knowledge that additional modules are available when you require them. Your choice is now easier and more economical since you will be purchasing specialized modules rather than entire packages.

We believe that you will enjoy working with Calamus SL, not only because of its new power, but because of its similarity to Calamus 1.09N. The skills you have already developed will still be applicable in SL and your productivity will increase.

The basic Calamus SL package contains the following:

- \* A new 600 page manual.
  - \* Three program disks
- and

EIGHT STANDARD MODULES:

- \* Clipboard Module
- \* Frame Module
- \* Text Style Module
- \* Raster Area Module
- \* Page Module
- \* Text Module
- \* Line Module
- \* Document Converter

We have also decided to bundle two additional modules (for a limited time only!) with your Calamus SL package.

- \* PKS Write
- \* Raster Generator

Further, we will also bundle two AGFA Compugraphic font families with Calamus SL; specifically CG Times and CG Triumvirate. (Note: For those that already own these fonts, we will provide you with equivalent value fonts instead.)

While the interface and command structure are essentially unchanged from earlier versions, the standard elements have been greatly expanded.

Calamus SL contains dozens of new features and powerful enhancements:

- \* Above all else, The ability to accept modules, internal or 3rd party;
- \* The ability to process and pre-process large passages of text with

speed and precision.

- \* Extended raster control with freely definable raster angles and widths. Intensity and contrast can now be corrected, while an integral histogram allows you to optimise an image for your output device.
- \* The PKS-Write Text Editor provides standard wordprocessing functions plus the ability to edit layout information.
- \* The addition of Cache and Virtual Memory speeds up and extends memory-dependent functions.
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#### UPGRADES \*\*\*\*\*

Currently, more than a dozen modules and scores of drivers are available for use with Calamus SL. We will publicize the availability of new modules, drivers and upgrades through our normal Customer Support channels, as well as through periodic mailings to our registered users.

Calamus SL has a suggested retail price of US \$795.00. We do take into consideration your previous purchase. Calamus 1.09N retails for US \$299.95, a difference of approximately US \$500.00.

Our upgrade charge to our REGISTERED 1.09N customers is US \$200.00 which includes the new manual and program as well as the AGFA Compugraphic fonts and modules as indicated on the preceding page. Our personal commitment for 1992 as a company, is to offer unprecedented VALUE and SUPPORT to our customers.



## MODULES

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We currently have three modules available for separate purchase, as part of our decision to offer you "WYNIWYG"; Speed Line (auto-tracer) Module, Color Separation Module and Vector Graphic Editor Module.

### SPEED LINE AUTO-TRACER

Speed Line brings Monochrome Auto-tracing to Calamus converting illustrations into vector graphics. It automatically creates vectors utilizing (Bezier) curves, lines and areas. The simplified user interface offers several optimizing functions to enable you to define line, angle and pixel correction together with conversion options for Bezier curves and line art. The Speed Line Auto-tracer converts a raster graphic to a vector graphic within seconds, which can then be modified by any of the existing Calamus drawings tools, particularly those contained in the Vector Graphic module or Outline Art. Your cost US \$49.95.

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Please, place your order for Calamus SL NOW as well as ordering any of the three additional modules you may require. Orders can be sent in Email to ISD along with your Visa or Mastercard number, by telephone at (416) 479-1880 or by mailing in your money order to:

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## SECOND ANNUAL CREATIVITY AND DESIGN CONTEST

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ISD Marketing, Inc. is proud to announce the second annual Creativity and Design Contest....again. Apparently, we announced it on GENie, we made a Press Release to the Atari publications including Atari Explorer which carried a few pages on our contest in their last issue, but we never did the mailout to our REGISTERED customer base. Please accept my sincere apologies for this error. Under the circumstances, I have decided to extend the contest until February 28, 1992. I sincerely apologize for any

inconvenience that this may cause.

Your entry may once again be either text, graphics or a combination of both. You may submit business card designs, logos, fonts, freehand drawings, posters, illustrations, cartoons and graphic effects just to name a few examples, as long as you use any one of the Calamus family of products; this includes Calamus, Outline Art, the Font Editor or any combination of the three to create your originals.

The contest will run effective August 20, 1991 until February 28, 1992. Winners will be selected from the files uploaded into our E-mail address on CompuServe at 76004,2246, Delphi at ISDMARKETING or GENie at ISD or mailed directly to our offices at:

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Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than February 28, 1992 and received by us in house by March 15, 1992 to qualify for entry.

You must be a REGISTERED OWNER of either Calamus, Outline Art or the Font Editor in order to enter. Note: If you have recently purchased any of these products but have not yet had the opportunity to send in your registration card, then please send it with your entry.

You may enter as many times as you choose but any one individual may only win once. Although the author shall retain any copyright to his/her entry, all winning files shall be considered "publicly distributable files" and may be made available for downloading from CompuServe, Delphi and GENie. As well, the winning entries will be published in Atari Explorer Magazine, our official magazine sponsor, with the author named and the prize indicated.

:THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING PRIZES:

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Complete font packages from both Cherry Fonts and MS Designs and \$100.00 connect time credit to be applied to your CompuServe, GENie or Delphi account. One subscription from Atari Explorer will go to each of our winners.

The judges for this contest are: Geoffrey Earle, General Manager of Atari (Canada) Corp., John Jainschigg (Editor) and Marc Needleman (Art Director) of Atari Explorer, and Mario Georgiou (Graphic Artist) of ISD Marketing. The decision of the judges is final.

:CONTEST RULES:

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1. The ISD Marketing, Inc. Creativity and Design Contest is a skill-based contest for any person who is a properly registered owner of any of the Calamus family of products. Participation in this contest is open to residents of Canada, United States, Australia and New Zealand, providing that their Calamus product is the one published by Ditek International or ISD Marketing. Employees of CompuServe, Delphi, GENie, ISD Marketing, Inc., Ditek International, DMC, Atari Explorer, Atari Corp. and all Atari Subsidiaries, SysOps, GameOps, their affiliates, subsidiaries, advertising agencies, and immediate families are ineligible to win prizes. This contest is subject to all local, state/provincial and federal regulations and is void where prohibited by law. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.

2. From August 20, 1991 at 12:01 AM EST to February 28, 1992, 11:59 EST those who meet the above eligibility requirements can enter the contest. The files can be uploaded directly to the ISD Marketing Email accounts on CompuServe, Delphi or GENie or submitted by mail directly to ISD at our mailing address indicated above. (Note: Entries will not be accepted by courier. Use regular mail only.) One winner and 4 runner ups will be named.

3. The decision of the judges is final and not reviewable by any other person, agency, or tribunal. Winners will be notified by CompuServe, Delphi or GENie EMail and/or regular mail on or about March 30, 1992, and their names will be published online in the Atari Forums on CompuServe and Delphi, the Atari RT on GENie and in Atari Explorer along with their winning submission.

4. This contest may be publicized outside those venues indicated above. No prize may be exchanged, substituted, modified, or redeemed for cash. Prizes are not transferrable. Prizes won by entrants under the age of 18 will be awarded to the winner's parent or legal guardian. All prizes will be awarded and mailed to the winner's address as shown on their registration form. By acceptance of their prizes, winners consent to publication of their names, likenesses, and/or User ID without further compensation for advertising or promotional purposes. Prizes not claimed after 21 days of the day of notification, for any reason whatsoever, will be forfeited. Prize winners may be required to execute an affidavit of eligibility and publicity release within 21 days of notification. Non-compliance within this time period will result in disqualification and an alternate winner will be selected.

I wish all entrants the very best of luck.

TURBO 030 from Fast Technology

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I am pleased to announce the release of the new TURBO030 board designed and built by Jim Allen of FAST TECHNOLOGY. I have had the pleasure of working closely with Jim over these past months, testing the TURBO030 board with Calamus, Calamus SL, DynaCADD, Cranach Studio and more. The result is truly amazing. In fact, I am taking this one step further and have formed an association with Mr. Allen in order to offer this product directly to my own customers.

TURBO030 performs as if specifically designed for Mega ST, DynaCADD and Calamus owners ...it was. For those of you using our products professionally, it becomes very easy to justify the cost of the TURBO030 board based on the obvious and immediate increase in productivity. I have been examining this issue from all sides, based upon my own knowledge of the market. Taking into consideration the investment you have already made in your system i.e., Mega ST4, SLM24, Moniterm or ISAC board and associated monitors, an investment none of us have any wish to forfeit, the TURBO030, in my opinion, is a natural upgrade path.

The TURBO030 offers a substantial increase in speed=productivity, while preserving your previous investment.

Using the TURBO030, screen redraws in Calamus are instant. The Printer.CDK, for example, heads for the SLM605 in about 5 seconds while DynaCADD can repaint the T20 Tigershark in about 3 seconds flat instead of 72 seconds. If time is money to you, this board is a MUST!

The TURBO030 is a complete MegaST system enhancement. Using a 68030 processor running at 40 Mhz, and an optional (US \$299.95) 68882 FPU math coprocessor running at 50 or 60Mhz, the TURBO030 provides STATE-OF-THE-ART processing speed.

Backing up the 68030 is 4 Megabytes of 32 bit burst mode ram which REPLACES your MegaST4's 16 bit ram.

Accompanying the 68030 is a standard 68000 chip to ensure complete software compatibility with older software utilities.

The TURBO030 design is totally ST compatible, so it runs Calamus, Calamus SL, and DynaCADD without difficulty.

The speed increase, compared to other upgrade options, either from Atari or other third party developers, is truly impressive.

The suggested retail price of the TURBO030, fully loaded as described above, is US \$1,995.00. For a limited time only, the cost to registered customers of ISD is US \$1,495.00, a savings of \$500.00.

For those who are more budget conscious, we have also arranged a saving on Jim's second board configuration, specifically, the 40 Mhz TURBO030, equipped with a Static Ram Cache which will bring your system up to TT speed. The suggested retail price of this board is US \$1,195.00. To all our registered customers, this board is only US \$995.00, a savings of \$200.00.

:Note:

It is not recommended that you install this board yourself. Either make arrangements to have this done by your local Atari Dealer or we can have it done here, for Canadian customers, or at Fast Technology for US customers, for a flat fee of \$100.00. Please allow up to 6 weeks for delivery. However, if you currently own a T16, you can simply remove the T16 and insert the TURBO030 into the socket.

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On CompuServe

by Judith Hamner 72257,271

BJ Gleason has uploaded two interesting spreadsheets. WIND.ZIP will calculate the windchill factor. LAMBDA.ZIP computes the size of pipes needed for heating systems. Another upload by BJ is PA09.TXT, issue 9 of Portable Addiction.

For programmers, BJ has RTMEM.ZIP. This PC program will simulate the limited memory of the Portfolio. Memory size can be specified.

Marty Mankins has announced an on-line newsletter. Palm-to-Palm will feature comparisons between palmtops along with news and reviews. Issue #1 is in file P2P\_01.COM in PREAD format. Look for it monthly in the library.

HTH.TXT contains a Newspaper column about the Port by Howard Blumenthal. Also by Howard is MACFT.TXT with detailed instructions for transferring files to and from a Mac.

If you are the victim of a forgetful programmer, David Stewart has come to the rescue. CURSON.COM is a tiny program to restore the cursor on your Port. Some programs neglect to do this.

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> V.32? CCITT STR FOCUS Definitions of various "V" speed modulations  
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TELECOMMUNICATING STANDARDS

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by Earle Robinson 76004,1762

Here are brief definitions of the various V speed modulations, plus a couple of others of interest. For comparison, I've added some of the more usual Bell ones, too. Note that AT&T has now ceased trying to dictate such standards, and that it is the CCITT, an international body responsible for recommending telecommunicating standards, which is the focus of all work today. Here are the most commonly used CCITT modulations. Note that only a few are of interest in the United States:

V.22bis, V.29 and V.32.

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V.21	300 bps	incompatible with the Bell 103 modulation.
V.22	1200 bps	partially compatible with Bell equivalent, 212a.
V.22bis	2400 bps	universally used in the States & elsewhere.
V.23	1200/75 bps	asymmetric protocol used only overseas
V.26ter	2400 bps	full duplex + echo cancellation. Seldom used today.
V.29	9600 bps	half duplex protocol, used for group 3 faxes, and in some modems, but with proprietary additions.
V.32	9600 bps	full duplex. Lower mfr costs will soon make this speed the standard. Planned enhancements will increase speed, using some asymmetry for file transfers.
V.34	>14400 bps	proposed asymmetric high speed modulation. May never see the light of day.

The most commonly used Bell modulations are:

103	300 bps	incompatible with CCITT V.21.
212A	1200 bps	partially compatible with CCITT V.22.
208	4800 bps	used mostly on leased lines. Likely to disappear.

Further CCITT recommendations of interest include:

V.42	Error correction, in two parts, the main one plus an annex which provides compatibility with MNP modems, classes 2, 3, 4.
V.42bis	Compression enhancement to V.42. Recently approved by CCITT.
V.25	for parallel automatic dialers, the 2100 hz answer tone.
V.25bis	serial automatic dialing.
V.24	More or less the CCITT equivalent to RS232.

There is some logic to the CCITT number, though not terribly intuitive. V.20 through 39 are speed modulations (though V.24 & V.28 are interfaces), V.40-V.49 error correction, etc.

Please note that use of V.32, V.22bis or any other speed modulation doesn't preclude the use of an error correction method, be it MNP or V.42. Error correction can be at any speed, though for all practical purposes you'll find it implemented only for 2400 bps and 9600 bps communications, using v.22bis and v.32. (Robotics does have its own mnp like error control with its HST modulation and telebit does something similar with its PEP.)

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> PUBLISHER ST STR InfoFile    Upgrade info TIMEWORKS DESKTOP PUBLISHER  
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TIMEWORKS DESKTOP PUBLISHER  
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by Tim Holt  
ACCEPT of El Paso

Recently, I saw in a British ST magazine that the company GST Software Products was updating the old favorite of mine, Timeworks Desktop Publisher. The new version is called Timeworks Publisher 2, and since I am a purist, and still use Timeworks, I thought I would write a letter to them and see what response I would get. Before I give you the response, let me tell you the new improvements for Publisher 2:

- \* Revised manual. Hints and tips sections, as well as a DOS command section.
- \* New Installation program, allows you to chose the mouse, screen, and printers.
- \* Improved Tab handling, and much cleaner menu.
- \* 8 style sheets are included, from memos to newsletters.
- \* New, scaleable typefaces. You can now generate 7 typefaces plus symbols in a wide variety of point sizes.
- \* Text wraparound now for irregular shaped objects that is user defined. Text now follows the shape of the image.
- \* Custom page size up to 22.5 inches square.
- \* Up to 999 pages per document. Add and delete consecutive pages up to any number.
- \* Page numbering in Roman and numerals or letters or regular numbers.
- \* Strike through, rounded boxes, and square box has been added to the text styles.
- \* New text imports: Wordperfect 5, Microsoft Works, and .RFT



files ( I believe that these are European programs like Volkswriter, multimate, and Office Writer).

- \* New graphics imports include TIFF and Deluxe Paint.
- \* Any text written in the program may now be saved as ASCII for loading into other word processors.
- \* More printer support, including Canon Bubblejet.
- \* Autoflow a large text into as many frames as needed.
- \* Frame grouping for easier sizing, resizing, and changing position. Similarly, all frames on a single page can now be group selected.
- \* Autosave as often as you like, like every five minutes.
- \* Makes use of extended or expanded memory, for faster operation.
- \* Faster printing. Chose to delete graphics in draft mode for quick printouts

Well, to make a long story short, GST wrote back to me almost immediately (total time from my letter to the reply: 12 days!), with information that they WOULD honor the US users of Timeworks for the upgrades. A full upgrade includes:

Timeworks Publisher 2  
Typographica font software  
Full Gem set, version 3.11  
Full manual in Ring binder for storage

Total price of the upgrade:

39.95 pounds  
plus  
20.00 pounds shipping and handling.

Total, 59.95 POUNDS.

GST will not accept US dollars, so get your bank to write a check, or they will also take Visa.

If you wish to upgrade, you must send the following:

Completed Coupon  
Timeworks DTP Master Disk  
The page entitled: "User Manual" from the Timeworks manual  
Check made out to  
GST Software Products LTD  
or  
VISA number and expiration date

The total cost at the present exchange is about \$75 and the package costs about \$1.50 to mail.

Is it worth it? Well, I know of a few people that do geneology with the ST using "It's All Relative". This program makes a nice book like printout by creating a file just for Timeworks DTP. Since all files from Timeworks I are compatible with Timeworks 2, and since "It's All Relative"

does not support Pagestream or Calamus, then it will be worth the upgrade for those folks. For those that are still wading into the DTP pool, and haven't joined "the big boys" and are still just making a weekly club newsletter, then the upgrade seems like a good deal. If you are into the "serious" DTP, then I think, just by looking at the info that GST sent, that Pagestream and Calamus/Calamus SL are the ways to go.

I fit into the earlier categories. And I will be sending my check off next month.

I have included a facsimile of the coupon that GST sent for ordering the new Publisher 2. I am sure they will accept this instead of the "official" coupon:

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From the Editor's Desk  
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From coast to coast, the userbase is waiting for some NEWS, any NEWS! Well there is plenty of good news... Atari is, once again, trying to make all the right moves. It appears the Namm show was a robust success in the area of signing up new music oriented dealers. That's good. It appears

the investment in participating in the Namm Show paid off.

Later this year, are two more KEY Commercial Shows Atari should do well at ...if they participate. They are the CEPS and Seybold Shows. For those who don't know, those shows are the epitome of showcases for the newest technology in the DeskTop Publishing Fields.

Knightmare is out and I've barely gotten close to completing Captive. Although both are authored by the same folks, these two games are far from resembling each other even slightly. Knightmare is KILLER!

I had the good fortune to obtain a copy of FREEZE DRIED TERMINAL, (ver. 2.10) a fine Telecommunications program. In fact its a joy to use! There is a dem copy available most everywhere. Try it! You'll like it! The demo is hardly disabled (only one graphics mode). This terminal program may very well be wrioting the rule book for terminal programs to come. It has everything. Get the demo and give it a good run.

Thanks for all the fine support!

Ralph.....

GO SKINS!

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STReport's MailBag  
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From GENie ST RT  
Category 14, Topic 7  
Message 231            Sun Jan 19, 1992  
R.WOODBRIDG1 [Rob]            at 22:48 EST

- Atari-ST RoundTable
- B.REHBOCK [Bill@Atari]            at 03:58 EST
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- Exercise: Run Windows on a \$2000 20MHz 386SX Laptop. Show a friend the
- STBOOK side-by-side against it. Ask them which one feels faster. (This
- obviously works best if the friend has never seen an ST before.)
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- S.JOHNSON10 [Steve]            at 23:59 EST
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- Exercise: Show that same friend all the nearest places to get support
- for the 20MHz 386SX laptop versus all the nearest places to get support
- for the STBOOK and ask him which one he'd rather actually BUY! <grin>

Also, show that same friend where he can get mainstream application software that takes advantages of those graphical interfaces - GEM doesn't

hold a candle to Windows in that department except maybe in DTP. Where's the high powered word processor or spreadsheet? I don't know how That's Write/Write Now compare to Word or Word Perfect for windows, but I have a pretty good idea based on time in development and number of past users. And I know that compared to Excel, there is \_no\_ spreadsheet for the ST! (slight exaggeration :^)

So again, what's he gonna buy?

Like Steve, I have no intent of bashing Atari, just stating facts as I see them (and hope Atari sees them in a similar fashion so that their marketing plans will try to address them). This machine does most of what I need (particularly with Spectre), but I don't believe I'm a mainstream USA computer user. Those folks wouldn't want my set up I bet.

From GENie ST RT  
Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 106 Wed Jan 22, 1992  
JWC-OEO [Jon] at 04:04 EST

Dealing with Atari sure can be, ah, interesting...

I've been waiting to buy a Class B TT for quite some time. Recent messages here and deadlines long past pointed strongly to the fact that they finally were available. I called my dealer. He didn't think they were but called his distributor to check. The answer that can back was a big surprise, although it shouldn't have been.

The TT, the distributor said, has not yet recieved FCC Class B certification! They thought the confusion had to do with the fact that recent TTs have had the 1.4 meg floppies and the newer TOS version even though they are still Class A. Even these Class A's are back ordered until mid February. Before I give up on a TT and get in line for a SST, would anyone from Atari care to comment? Did the distributor know what he was talking about?

Jon

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 107 Wed Jan 22, 1992  
TOWNS [John@Atari] at 17:28 EST

Last time I checked on this, I was told that TT Class B machines were starting to arrive and we actually being sold in the field.

I know that our supply of TT machines is very limited right now, but we are expecting some additional TT machines in very soon.

I would imagine that these machines are going to be Class B.

-- John

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 108 Wed Jan 22, 1992  
JMGSOFT [George @ JMG] at 21:01 EST

To my knowledge as an Atari retailer, we have had \_in stock\_ Class B TT's since December, with 1.44 drives and newer TOS. But this is Canada, and quantities sold here are much lower; I imagine it may take time for the US to have sufficient quantities.

-- George.

Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 110 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
S.WINICK at 06:26 EST

JMG> To my knowledge as an Atari retailer, we have had \_in stock\_  
JMG> Class B TT's since December, with 1.44 drives and newer  
JMG> TOS. But this is Canada.....

George,

What's wrong with this picture? (Didn't we just love that little game back when we were still in nursery school?).

So..... the FCC Class B TT030's went to Canada --- where the FCC doesn't have any authority. Hmmmmmm..... Maybe that explains why the TT030's we're getting here in the states don't have an FCC Class B sticker -- they're all being sent to Canada! Could it be that U.S. dealers are only getting the Canadian models? :-]

Sheldon Winick (Computer Studio - Asheville, NC)

p.s. Perhaps one of our online Atari representatives would like to post the real facts concerning the FCC Class B TT030's to avoid another nasty round of unfounded rumors. I'd rather they post directly instead of us passing on second-hand information and chance additional "interpretation" as it gets paraphrased and passed around even further.

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 111 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
DENNYA [Denny Atkin] at 10:51 EST

Honesty I'm not trying to encourage breaking laws here, folks, but I'm just curious...

What's to prevent someone from buying an FCC Class A machine and using it in the home?

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 112 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
J.ALLEN27 [FAST TECH] at 12:16 EST

Neighbors ;-)

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 113 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
JEFF.W [ST Sysop] at 13:29 EST

I'm not sure, Denny, but I think that if the FCC catches wind of a dealer selling an FCC Class A rated device for home consumer use, the dealer can get slapped with a fine (\$5000 per device sold sticks in my mind).

I may be completely wrong, so I hope that Sheldon (Atari Dealer Extraodinaire!) or one of our more legally versed friends will pop in here and correct me.

Even if this is true, the question about how the dealer would know the intended use of the device and how could he be held accountable for it is one that I don't know the answer to.

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 114 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
ST.REPORT [Ralph] at 15:33 EST

Jeff, its \$10,000 each occurance and seizure of any unsold class A devices.

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 115 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
JEFF.W [ST Sysop] at 16:20 EST

Thanks for the clarification, Ralph.

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 116 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
DENNYA [Denny Atkin] at 16:49 EST

That's pretty serious.

Although I'm quite sure there are more than a few TTs sitting in homes right now...

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 117 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
ST.REPORT [Ralph] at 18:12 EST

Jeff;

I left off a portion of the penalties until I was sure and now, after some research, and a call to DC... The Dealers "may" be fined and suffer seizures. BUT.. the biggie... They usually go straight to the source with the evidence obtained at the offending retailer. As for the seizures, the FCC operates in conjunction with the US Marshall's Service. If the offenses are found to be widespread enough, not only are there fines and seizures... but a possible enforced shutdown of operations until such time ... etc..

The FCC takes its rules and regulations very seriously and does enforce them vigorously if complaints are made. Of course, if no complaints of interference are made, no enforcement.

Unless there is a complaint made concerning the distribution and sales of these items in a manner that violates the Rules & Regs. by the manufacturer, distributor or dealer(s).

The Rules & Regulations are detailed in Part 15 of the FCC's Rules and Regulations.

Ralph @ STReport International Online Magazine

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Category 28, Topic 2  
Message 119 Thu Jan 23, 1992  
JEFF.W [ST Sysop] at 18:41 EST

That's applying your resourcefulness, Ralph!

Thanks for the details.

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\* "Rumors - Tidbits - Predictions - Observations - Hot Tips" \*  
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More good information about the SST; George Richardson 75275,1363,  
mentioned To Jim Ness 74415,1727 on CIS that...

"The SST will have TOS 2.06, but no, it will not have a 68000 socket. The SST Brake, an optional board, will have a 68000 and allow you to switch to a 68000 when needed. Nothing has really changed on the SST itself except for the change from TOS 2.05 to 2.06. I'll mention this to Dave, but don't expect to see this for a while. Right now, \*everyone\* is up to their ears in work."

About the SST Brake.... George mentions.. that its.. "Just in the design stage now, the Brake is just that; it drops you back to an 8mhz 68000 chip, no cache, no fastram. You do get to continue using the new TOS though."

"It plugs into the ST motherboard 68000 socket, and the SST plugs into it. Since the SST already has an extra socket between it and the motherboard, you just remove that one and the SST ends up sitting at the same height."

"You can use either a hardware switch or software to toggle between processors, the switch determines which one you've got at boot. Any time you switch, the machine resets and reboots, so you can switch on the fly if you're not doing anything that might mess up disk data."

For those wishing to learn how to program in Assembly Language;

Taylor Ridge Books has announced the release of a series of first rate assembly language books by Clayton Walnum for the Atari ST platform. For more information please call: (203)643-9673.

Rumors, Tidbits and such...

A rumor from Heidleburg, Germany; there are a number of software publishers who have made it known they will no longer produce programs in both German and English. Those wanting the English Versions will have to absorb the costs of the translation of both manual and programs.



Sometime near Spring of this year, there is a good chance the 520 and 1040 STe machines will be called "Atari STe Computers". Allegedly, they will be shipping the familiar style in the .5mb version. Thus providing for "in the field" upgrades on a larger scale.

Falcons & Sparrows! Avian Paradise. Deep Throat tells us its rumored the STT040 (FALCON) is a real "muscle machine" of the upcoming future for Atarians. Its mentioned there will be either a "Cube or Tower" available for Falconers with the Tower having eight bays. 24 bit color will be the order of the day as will a full 32bit bus IO. Its also rumored Ethernet will be included and it will have multiple VME slots 3-6-lu types accepted. A Floptical Drive (Insight) is alleged to appear in one of the bays. A 1 gig Hard Disk is rumored to become available too. Its also rumored Sparrow lovers are to see a less costly version of the TT040 in either the Wedding Cake or Pizza Box style Cabinet.

The BIG rumor may be the story about Atari considering placing products with major PC type Mail Order Houses.

Commodore Amiga now shipping the Iomega Floptical with its Unix packages.

Poquet, has announced its pad, at 1995.95, with 640k ram and 1mb rom and a 7 1/4" screen.

Nintendo is trying to buy the Seattle Mariners!

psssst! "Enjoy that BBQ on Saturday" :-)

"The Zigster"

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